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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretariat, Economic Intelligence Committee

FROM : Secretary, EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

SUBJECT : EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture Annual
Report for FY 1963

1. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's
Field of Competence

None.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. Research Deficiencies

The Subcommittee updated its statement on
"Priority Research Deficiencies on Sino-Soviet
Bloc Agriculture."

b. Collection Deficiencies

The Subcommittee has not prepared any Collection Deficiency
statements in FY 63.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

None.

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

None.

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5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

There have been informal discussions among some Subcommittee members on current agricultural production statistics of Bloc countries. In most cases there has been substantial agreement.

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC

None.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

There was no discussion of research techniques by the Subcommittee during FY 63.

8. Special Coordinating Functions of the Subcommittee

Specialists from the Department of State, the Department of Agriculture and CIA have regularly discussed the effects of weather on crop production in the Bloc countries.

The ASC coordinated a proposal which would not allow the USSR Exchange Delegation on Irrigation and Reclamation to visit plants and installations clearly out of character with the Exchange Agreement.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

As evidenced by the lack of activity by the Agricultural Subcommittee as a whole, it is felt that the ASC has been, in general, an unwieldy medium through which to accomplish regular coordination on substantive matters. Close and frequent interagency collaboration on an informal basis on matters of mutual interest has proved to be much more effective.

B. Future Program of the Committee

Because of the importance of weather to agriculture and food production, it is recommended that a member of the Foreign Area Section of the Climatology Services Branch of the Office of Climatology, Department of Commerce, be invited to become a member of the Agricultural Subcommittee.

No changes in the functioning of the ASC are contemplated for FY 64. The Subcommittee should continue to identify gaps in research and collection, approve external research projects, serve as a coordinating body for all

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agencies and departments having responsibilities in food and agriculture, and serve as a clearing house for information and data on western countries which could be useful in appraising developments in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The Subcommittee should be alert and discuss significant developments, activities and situations in the field of food and agriculture throughout the world.

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